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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

On the 30th of July we had the pleasure of meeting the Brethren at Fair Haven church in Wayne county. The appointment was well attended for the busy season of the year. Brother Mason was with us, besides the home minister, and we had a good meeting. On the next day Thursday, the brethren and sisters had arranged to surprise brother Wm. Keefer, one of their ministers. So we met with them and joined in the good work, but took no part in the "wicked" surprise part. We helped to keep the many good things brought there from spoiling. There was a large turn out, we believe the largest of the kind we have ever attended. There were quite a number of persons who were not connected with our church. This is regarded as a good indication that brother Keefer has a good report both of those in the church and those without; which is among the Bible qualifications of the bishop. And all present seemed to enjoy the occasion. Food of the best kind, was abundant, and it required a firm resolution to practice moderation. A purse of money was made up for brother Keefer, but we did not learn what it amounted to; we hope it was a handsome donation. After the speeches were all in we introduced our college business, and told our story. We received a respectable response, but not nearly what we had expected. We, however, still feel that Fair Haven will make up her quota. We can not consent to anything else; but they must have more time and stronger pleading. If we had them before us just now, (Aug. 3, 11 a. m.), we believe we could get it. We feel blue enough to make a strong and plaintive plea, that should touch the hardest heart. But here we are by ourself, and all the feeling must be smothered down, or pondered in our own already too full heart. Well, we'll keep it in store until we get a chance at some one. There will be plenty of others who will need it. We are very thankful to those who did help us.

From there we were taken by brother Fortney to brother Cyrus Shafer's, and next day to brother A. S. Wissler's. Here Victor Homan, brother Henry Homan's son, met us and conveyed us to his home. In the evening brother H. took us to the Homer church, where we preached our first sermon in Medina county. Had a good attendance and excellent attention. Several of the brethren and sisters met us at the house of brother McDonnell, heard our story and gave their

promises. Lodged with brother McDonnell, who took us to West Salem in time for the morning train on Saturday. Met Lottie at the Ashland depot, were handed our personal mail, and passed to Ankneytown, where we landed shortly before noon. And here we met with our first serious disappointment since we are out on the present laborious mission. We will have no week-day meeting in this church, and so will have no opportunity to tell our story publicly, and as we have not time to go from house to house, we shall not be able to work up the church at all. We have no disposition to censure any one, but we were very much disappointed. If our Brethren mean to wear us out on this trip they need only fill our track with a number of such experiences and this will be the last. They need not fear of doing it by work; we are able for that, and would rather die of overwork in the Master's vineyard than from worry arising from disappointment.

OUR MISSION.

That the nature of our mission may be the better understood and appreciated, we have concluded to advertise it, so that all may be ready to meet us and send us on our way rejoicing.

At the Dayton Convention, Ashland College was adopted as a church school, but no provision was made to pay the heavy debt which is resting upon it. As the debt is now as large as the trustees care to let it grow upon their hands as individuals, and to give the church an opportunity to assume actual control of the institution, they have determined upon the following plan of operations:

1. To make all donations conditional. The conditions being that no part of the amounts subscribed shall be payable unless the entire debt shall be provided for. The object of this provision being to protect our people from losing anything farther in the college project.

2. To make all donations through the several churches. The object to be attained in this will be to get the college under the control of the churches. For every fifty dollars donated the churches making the donation shall have one vote and may decide who shall cast such vote or votes.

3. The subscriptions shall be payable in three equal annual payments, so as to be as easy as possible upon our people, many of whom are already severely taxed from building meeting houses, &c.,

4. The amount necessary, not otherwise provided for, is twenty thousand dollars.

5. H. R. Holsinger and E. L. Yoder were appointed solicitors. On account of brother Yoder's indisposition the burden of the work has been laid upon us. Hence the list of appointments published some time ago. And hence also our present painful absence from home.

And now, brethren and sisters, hear our plea. Our college is now about self-sustaining. Under the former management it sank about two thousand dollars a year. It will cost us only twenty thousand dollars to clear the institution of debt, which will then be worth at least sixty thousand dollars. If we do not save it we will lose all we have ever put in it and will be thrown back at least twenty-five years, and be made the laughing stock of conservatism, and subject ourselves to the just censure of all progressive contemporaries. It is just out of the question to lose it. It must not, it dare not be. We do not want to live to see the day when such a dire calamity should befall us. It is not a debatable question. It is only a question of time. Nor is it a matter that will require a great burden being placed upon any one it all will take hold of the work. None else will need to do nearly as much as we have done, in proportion to our ability.

As we cannot spare sufficient time to visit each member at his home, we have chosen to have appointments in each church, and in the capacity of a church, but through individual contributions to have the donations collected. We can thus do in a day or evening what would otherwise require a week. And our time is very precious, and it is at great personal sacrifice of comfort especially, that we have set out upon the work. We hope our brethren everywhere will come to our assistance. Make up your minds in advance, brethren and sisters, to be liberal, and especially those of you who have been blessed with means beyond your immediate wants. Let us show that we are really progressive. We have so far—with this single exception, and this accidental, we believe—been favorably received. We have over thirty-six hundred dollars subscribed, or one-sixth of the amount required, and have only visited six churches.

Where it is convenient, let there be church meetings appointed on week days or evenings. Where that is not convenient, let us have an appointment for preaching at the most convenient point for the greater number of the members to come together. Then let all come and meet us like Christian brethren, willing to do their share of the work. We will require nothing unreasonable, nor even burdensome. And we are much easier upon those who meet us in public than with those whom we must follow to their homes.

Lastly, we take up a collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of this canvas, as we have agreed that it shall not be an expense upon the college, if it should fail of success. In this, also, we have been successful thus far.

IN THE EDITOR'S CHAIR.

Last week's EVANGELIST published that I was to take brother Holsinger's place on the paper as soon as college opened. I however came to Ashland last week and have since been filling (corporally) the editorial chair. How long I will remain here depends on circumstances. Brother Holsinger has undertaken an important work, as will be seen by reference to the editorial correspondence in another column. The indisposition referred to does not hinder me from doing indoor work, and I have consented to do what I can in the office, and thus enable brother Holsinger to fulfill his program of appointments for college work. So far I have found my duties in the office agreeable and pleasant, but the readers of the EVANGELIST must not think that I am alone in the work. I occupy brother Holsinger's chair at the editorial table, but opposite at the same table sits sister Lottie, who has been in the office a long time and knows how to run it. She could possibly get along without my assistance, but I could not get along without hers. The readers of the EVANGELIST will please give her credit for all that is good in the paper and blame me for the rest. I am the last one to underrate the editorial ability of elder H. R. Holsinger, but not to be egotistical either, I believe that Lottie and I can get out a pretty good paper, and I need not lend very much assistance. I have learned since I am here how much, good copy by our correspondents is appreciated, and hope we will get plenty of it while I am in the office.

Editorial Miscellany.

Brother Brockwell still keeps working away on the streets of San Francisco, California.

Coventry is improving musically with the leadership of Prof. Frederick, our genial and persevering music teacher.

We call special attention to the advertisement of C. L. Yates, Nurseryman, Rochester, N. Y., who is in want of more salesmen.

Coventry Harvest Home, August 9th—all day meeting. Dinner under the old trees, weather permitting. Always enjoyable occasions.

If M. P. Wise will send his address we will send him the tracts he ordered.

Merrit Dillin's address is also wanted at this office.

From late reports we learn that Elder D. P. Saylor's health is growing still worse, and it is feared that he may not recover.—*Gospel Messenger*.

Every church should have at least one vote in the College. It will thus really become a Brethren school. So far, the least that has been taken by any one church is one hundred dollars.

We are happy to notice that sister Rebecca Wooner, from Wayne county, has moved to Ashland with a view of educating her family. She expects to take in a few boarders and make herself generally useful. We bid her a hearty welcome.

"Mrs. Hurd's Niece," is the title of the story contained in the August number of the *Young Folks' Library*. This publication would be a valuable addition to any Sunday School Library. Price 25 cents a number. Published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.

The use of tobacco is to be absolutely forbidden in all the Government schools of France, on the grounds that it affects injuriously, the faculties of the mind and the general ability to study. The regulation is based on the recommendation of a commission of men of science.

The system of education in the United States requires an annual expenditure of nearly \$98,000,000, only a few millions less than all the nations of Europe devote to the same object. On the other hand, Great Britain alone expends two-thirds of that immense sum on her Army and Navy.

I. J. Rosenberger, of Covington, preached at North Liberty, Ohio, over last Sunday, and made himself many enemies by his egotistical manner, and the contracted views he advocated. The more of that kind of preaching the German Baptists have done at that place the better it will be for our cause.

The *Christain Secretary* calls attention to the fact that there are in India 124,000,000 women, who are truthfully described as "unwelcomed at their birth, untaught in their childhood, enslaved in their marriage, accursed as widows, and unlamented when they die." And this with all the "light of Asia" surrounding them!

For health, beauty and morality, Ashland has but few equals. That people of good taste recognize

the above is evidenced by the many fine residences that are springing up in all parts of the town. We want Brethren everywhere to know that Ashland has especial attractions for them. A Brethren church and a Brethren College.

"It is better to live in a corner of a housetop than in a wide house with a brawling woman."—Proverbs. The modern version of the above to the readers of the EVANGELIST is, it is better to belong to a small church in peace and prosperity, than to belong to a larger church where there is constant quarreling and confusion.

The words of Christ "The poor ye have always with you, and when ye will ye may do them good," are equivalent to saying that the opportunity is always at hand. We must acknowledge we have never suffered for want of such opportunity. If any of our readers are short in that line let them send us their address and we will share with them.

A congregation may, through the excitement of a revival meeting or the stimulus of a popular preacher, put on a dress of leaves, but permanency and fullness can only be had by a continual quickening of the roots, and these roots are in the homes of the people. This begets the necessity for pastoral visiting,—a work that forms an essential part of the ministry.

The President of Harvard College in his last annual report says. Early in the year 1880-81, a circular was sent to the parents and guardians of the eight hundred and twenty-eight under-graduates, asking if they held daily family prayers in their households. The number of replies received was seven hundred and forty-one of which two sevenths answered yes, and five-sevenths answered no. The object of the inquiry was to ascertain how much support morning prayers at College had in the families from which the students came. We wonder how it would result if a similar test were applied to the families of Brethren sending students to Ashland College?

We are in receipt of *Council Fire and Arbitrator*, a monthly journal, especially devoted to the civilization and rights of the American Indian, which was sent us for review by brother Isaac Price. We should all be interested in the Indian question and for the benefit of our readers we will be pleased to publish such articles, from time to time as may seem judicious.

What the Brethren church mostly needs is thorough organization and economical, systematic work. The church should be conducted on business principles. We have no more right to squander the Lord's time, and the Lord's money, by careless and unsystematic work, than in any other way. We think brother Brown's article in last week's paper should be carefully considered and acted upon.

It is expected that the Revised Old Testament will be given to the public in January next. It will not meet with the large sale that greeted the revised New Testament. There is not as much interest in the Old Testament teaching as in the new. And the public curiosity which was aroused to a high pitch concerning the changes that would be made by the committee, has been satisfied by seeing the revision of the new.

Elder J. Meyers asks us to change his address from Hydesville, California, to Rohnerville, Humboldt county, Cal., and says: "We held our lovefeast June 28th. Had a good meeting. One was added by baptism, brother E. W. Wilson, of Eureka, this county. Brother Wilson was formerly a minister in the United Brethren church and is now a valuable addition to us. Brother Wm. Sutherland and John Healy were chosen to fill the office of Deacon.

It looks almost as if some brethren stay away from our college meetings purposely, to avoid giving anything. Don't do it brethren; it is not manly, and especially not progressive. Come to the meetings and hear our story like brethren, and subscribe like men, and go home happy. If you are "stingy," you will need our lecture on liberal giving. If you don't need it it will please you to hear it for the sake of those who do, and we will want you to help start the subscriptions. All classes are wanted.

We have received a copy of the *Iowa Sunday School Worker*, the official organ of the Iowa State Sunday School Association, published at Fairfield Iowa. The editor says: "Our office is with Drs. Roop and Nelson, over Sullivan's grocery. Call and see us when you are in town." Thank you, brother. If we get to Fairfield we will certainly call to see you, and take in Drs. Roop and Nelson on the way. Drs. Roop and Nelson were formerly from Ashland, and we are glad to hear that they are in good company in Iowa.

Our office is in the southeast corner of the College Boarding Hall, and our door knob turns easy. P. S. We have no latch string to our door, anymore.

"If it be lawful for the dispenser of these crumbs to record observations, his first remark would be, that his vision and auditory nerves have